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Chamber of Commerce Hosts Hauntingly Good Time on Bellflower Boulevard

Children 12 years and younger will be making their way down Bellflower Boulevard and visiting Downtown storefronts during the 8th annual Trick-or-Treat event set for Friday, October 28th from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Free family activities, hosted by the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce, will continue until 7:00 p.m. in the Town Center Plaza (16521 Adenmoor Ave.). Bellflower churches have sponsored carnival



games and music, a train ride provided by RailMaster Hobbies will choo-choo around the festivities, and a children's costume contest will be judged at 6:30 p.m. A hot dog vendor will be stationed at the event selling food and drinks.

Masks are not permitted and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Businesses looking to participate can rent a 10x10 ft. space for \$45.00. Chamber of Commerce businesses can rent a space for a discounted price of \$20.00. Spaces are limited and canopies, tables, chairs and electricity will not be provided.

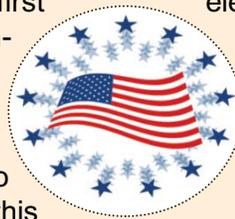
Be sure to fill out the Vendor Registration form provided by the Chamber of Commerce. For more information call (562) 867-1744 or visit www.bellflowerchamber.com.

Daylight Saving

Be sure to adjust your clock back 1 hour on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.

Nomination Period Opens Soon for Bellflower's March 7, 2017 General Municipal Election

November 14th is the first day that individuals intending to run for the Office of Member of the City Council can obtain nomination papers. There are two City Council seats open in this



election. Individuals interested in filing nomination papers should make an appointment with the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2271, or

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BELLFLOWER CAR SHOW
 CO-HOSTED BY THE BELLFLOWER NOON LIONS AND THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER
 Sponsored by GEORGE CHEVROLET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st
2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
WWW.BELLFLOWERCARSHOW.COM

Bellflower SoCalGas Branch to Close

The small SoCalGas branch office at 16901 Bellflower Blvd. (Bellflower Blvd. and Maple St.) will close their doors on November 1, 2016. This is a result of the decision of the California Public Utilities Commission. If you wish to pay your bill in person, visit the SoCalGas website for alternate locations at www.socalgas.com.

Pierre Films Grand Opening



Patrick Pierre, owner of Pierre Films located in Kiosk B (Belmont St. in Downtown) will celebrate his Grand Opening on Thursday, October 13th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Stop by for refreshments and a chance to win a free signature video package!

Free Filters for a Cleaner Future

Bring a used oil filter and get a new one for free

The City of Bellflower will hold a used motor oil filter exchange event scheduled for October 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at AutoZone (9031 Alondra Blvd. Bellflower). In exchange for used motor oil filters, residents will receive new motor oil filters free of charge (limit two per resident, while supplies last). After your next oil change, bring in your used oil and filter and receive vouchers for new oil filters.

"Used motor oil and filters are highly recyclable," says Kevin Sales, Bellflower's Used Oil Recycling Program Coordinator. "The City wants to make used motor oil and filter recycling as easy for the Do-It-Yourselfer as possible. The used oil and filter will be recycled; and you can redeem your filter voucher immediately for a free oil filter from AutoZone."

The City encourages all residents to participate in the event and to recycle their used motor oil and filters. Educational materials will be available as well as additional promotional items for eligible participants.

Other used oil collection centers can be located by calling 888-CLEAN-LA or visiting www.888cleanla.com.

BRING A USED OIL FILTER AND GET A NEW ONE FOR FREE!*

CITY OF BELLFLOWER
Sustainable Communities
Thriving Industries

AutoZone
9031 Alondra Blvd.
Bellflower, CA 90706

SATURDAY
October 15, 2016
9:00am - 1:00pm

Join Bellflower Community For Early Morning Prayer

Kingdom Causes Bellflower and Mayor Dan Koops along with the Bellflower Ministerial Association will jointly host the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, October 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Participants will gather together at Simms Park Auditorium located at 16614 Clark Ave. to enjoy a delicious breakfast and begin the day with a series of

prayers for our community, our state and our nation.

Tickets are \$12.00 per person and can be purchased in advance at www.bellflowermpb2016.eventbrite.com or by phone at (562) 804-2189.



TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Roundup
Saturday November 5, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ Simms Park

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia
cordially invites you to an
ADA Workshop

Oct. 19, 2016 - 9-11 AM at Simms Park

For more information visit www.asmdc.org/garcia



Stonebridge Funeral & Cremation Services Grand Opening

The loss of a loved one is never easy to deal with, however, Stonebridge Funeral understands the importance of commemorating a life and has many years of experience. Owners Robin and Bob Snow invited the community to see their new business and learn about end of life preparations at a ribbon cutting ceremony held on September 15th. For info visit www.stonebridgefuneral.com.



WORK AROUND TOWN

Bellflower Unified School District

16703 S. Clark Ave., Bellflower
(562) 866-9011

**Instructional Assistant,
Early Childhood Education**
(P/T, 9 months)
\$15.31 - \$18.61 per hour

Requirements: Graduation from high school or equivalent. At least one year working with children in an organized setting. Completion of 30 college units, which includes 12 units in Early Childhood Education; must be working towards an Associate Degree and hold or be eligible to hold an Associate Teacher Permit. Possession of, or the ability to obtain within 6 months of employment First Aid and CPR certificates issued by an authorized agency. For More information visit www.busd.k12.ca.us.

Los Cerritos YMCA

15530 Woodruff Ave., Bellflower
(562) 925-1292

**BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL TEACHER &
TEACHER ASSISTANT**
(P/T)
\$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour

The Los Cerritos YMCA in Bellflower is looking for part time Before & After School Teachers and Teacher Assistants. Before & After School Teachers & Assistants will supervise program participants and implement program curriculum in the classroom. We are looking for candidates who have six (6) to twelve (12) Child Development college units, will keep safety a top priority at all times and work well with children, parents and coworkers. Teachers & Assistants will also provide a quality experience to children and parents with a focus on the YMCA core values: honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring. For more information, please visit www.lbymca.recruiting.com.

SAVE THE DATE



5K SUPERHERO FUN RUN BELLFLOWER

Saturday, November 5th

7:00 a.m. Registration Begins
Kingdom Clauses
16429 Bellflower Blvd.

8:00 a.m. 5/K Begins
Bellflower Town Center

Awards will be presented for the best costume! For more information about this event visit www.kcbellflower.org/5k/

Lions Host Service Club Luncheon

The Bellflower Noon Lions will host the 2016 Joint Service Club Luncheon on Thursday, October 6th at

12:00 p.m. in the Simms Park Auditorium located at 16614 Clark Ave. in Bellflower. The event recognizes the many service clubs serving in the Bellflower community each year. The guest speaker for this event will be Erin Rank, President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and a limited number of tickets will be sold at the door, be sure to check availability. To RSVP, purchase tickets in advance or general information call Joel Hockman at (562) 925-0124 or email jhockman@bellflower.org.

Saturday, October 8th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Downtown Shopping & Artwork

Hosted by the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce
& the Art Walk Community Committee

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email mochiqui@bellflower.org.

Prospective candidates will receive a comprehensive packet of information that outlines the nomination and election process, as well as forms and critical deadlines.

Nomination documents must be completed and returned to the City Clerk's Office by Friday, December 9, 2016. If an incumbent chooses not to file by the deadline, there will be an extension of the nomination period until December 12 for that seat.

For more info, contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2271 or visit www.bellflower.org.

BRAVO Nominations

The City of Bellflower will soon be accepting nominations for the 23rd annual BRAVO Awards. The awards ceremony is scheduled for February 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bristol Civic Auditorium.

The BRAVO Awards honor individuals for acts of valor, heroism and outstanding service in support of public safety in Bellflower. For additional info call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267 or be on the look out for the nomination form in the November issue of the E-Citizen.

HIP HOP DANCE

With Instructor Amairany Holguin

**Beginning Classes
Start Saturday Oct. 1st**

Phone 562 867-3524

**Ages 7 to 11yrs. - 5pm to 6pm
Ages 12 to 18yrs. - 6pm to 7pm**

Classes are on Saturday

Enrollment is on the first Saturday

Classes are \$45.00 per month payable in advance

9831 BELMONT STREET TOWN CENTER PLAZA
BELLFLOWER .CA .90706

Youth Cultural Arts Foundation

Holiday Sweet Tooth Tips from Experts

Trick-or-treat season is on its way and Dreamland Dental has provided some easy tips to care for your children's teeth.

1. Limit the amount of time that sugar is in contact with your child's teeth. When buying candy for Halloween, look for treats that can be eaten quickly, like miniature candy bars. When you get home from trick-or-treating, discard hard or sticky candies like sugared fruit snacks and caramels, as they increase the period of time in which teeth are exposed to sugar. Encourage your child to eat a small amount of candy in one sitting followed by a glass of water and thorough tooth brushing.



2. Set up a candy bank. Allow your child to make daily withdrawals from the bank and monitor the progress. This way, you can control how much candy your child consumes.

3. Use fluoride to fight cavities. The use of fluoride has been demonstrated to dramatically reduce the damage caused by tooth decay. Children should brush at least twice a day for two minutes with a small (pea-sized) amount of fluoridated toothpaste and rinse with a fluoridated mouth rinse. Fluoride treatments, applied directly onto teeth, are also available in any dentist's office.

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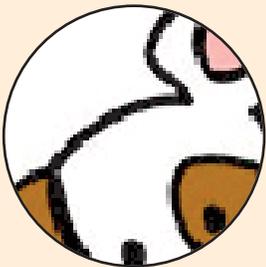
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The Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for Dreamland Dental and Orthodontics on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Their office is located at 16537 Bellflower Blvd., Suite B, in downtown Bellflower. Dreamland Dental will be offering a Grand Opening special for exams and x-rays, as well as a braces discount. For information call (562) 867-2026.

Brakensiek Library Events

9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower (562) 925-5543



BARK Read with Dogs

Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Practice your reading skills by reading to a Therapy Dog from Beach Animals Reading with Kids (BARK)! Beginning readers are welcome.

Maltese Falcon Movie

Tuesday, Oct. 25 • 5:00 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.

Free & open to the public (ages 13+)

Participate in The Big Read film discussion and enjoy the movie The Maltese Falcon. Copies of this classic book will also be available, while supplies last.

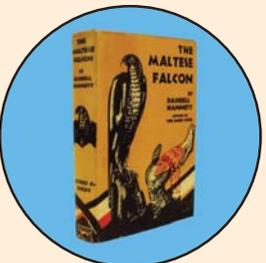


Maltese Falcon Discussion

Tuesday, Oct. 25 • 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Free & open to the public (ages 13+)

Join us as we discuss Dashiell Hammett's famous work. Discussion will directly follow a viewing of the film adaptation of the book starring Humphrey Bogart.



Current City Hours



The current City of Bellflower work schedule for employees and essential City services is listed below. City Hall and the Public Works Yard will be closed alternating Fridays.

Bellflower City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

Building & Safety Division (located within City Hall)

Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

Bellflower Sheriff's Substation Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Alternating Fridays • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday • Closed
 After hours services provided by Regional Sheriff's Station in Lakewood (562) 623-3500

Simms, Caruthers and Thompson Park Facilities

Parks and Recreation Fall/Winter Hours of Operation

October (ALL PARKS)

Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

November (ALL PARKS)

Monday - Thursday • 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

December (ALL PARKS)

Monday - Thursday • 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours (ALL PARKS)

November 11 • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 November 21 - 23 • 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 November 24 • CLOSED
 November 25 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 December 23, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 December 24, 25, 31 • closed/unsupervised

Pirate Park

October

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

November

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

December

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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November 11 • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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 November 25 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 December 24, 25, 30, 31 • CLOSED

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For more information call City Hall at (562) 804-1424 or visit www.bellflower.org